

ALBUQUERQUE IS TRULY A CITY OF FINE CHURCHES

Seventeen Different Religious Faiths Represented in the City—Three Illustrations Show Handsome Edifices Erected the Past Year.

Albuquerque, its population taken into consideration, can well be spoken of as the rival to Philadelphia for the title of the "City of Churches." With its population of 14,000 happy and progressive souls, Albuquerque has seventeen churches, representing nearly every faith known to the English speaking world. These seventeen churches, with as many pastors, to minister to the spiritual welfare of the residents, are situated throughout the city with a view to being as easily accessible to their different members as possible. In the days of old, when there was no new Albuquerque, the old town, which is now a portion of the western part of the city, had a population of about 1,500, the price

the Sunshine Territory, go forth to worship their creator. Again we say that Albuquerque can well be called the "City of Churches."

FIRST METHODIST. Probably one of the most beautiful church structures in the "City of Churches" is that of the First Methodist Episcopal church, located at the corner of Lead avenue and Third street. It is built of stone, with a very high steeple, and with stained glass windows, and was erected at a cost of about \$25,000. It was dedicated in January, 1904, by Bishop Warren. There is no record of who preached the first sermon of the Methodist faith in Albuquerque, or when the church was first organized, but Rev. Thomas

the church are Sol Weiler, president; D. Rosenthal, vice president; Samuel Nussli, secretary; Benjamin Jaffa, treasurer. Rabbi Kaplan lives directly back of the synagogue, which is located at the corner of Seventh street and Gold avenue.

AFRICAN METHODIST. The African Methodist Episcopal church, located at 311 West Coal avenue, devoted to the colored Christians of Albuquerque, is a brick structure, erected in the year 1892. The present pastor, G. H. Byas, who resides directly in the rear of the church, succeeded the Rev. W. T. Thornton, and is administering to the spiritual welfare of his flock in a manner entirely acceptable to the membership, which is about 75. The colored population of Albuquerque, as a rule, are of a very religious nature, and this church, under the present pastor, works much good among that class. Sunday services are held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., with Sunday school at 10 a. m. The church, since its erection, has steadily grown in membership, and at present is entirely free from debt.

HIGHLAND METHODIST CHURCH. The Highland Methodist church, south, situated at 315 South Arno street, is one of the oldest established churches in Albuquerque, outside of the Catholic churches. Although there is no record of the exact date of its organization, it has been established for over 25 years. Dr. T. J. Ames and wife, and W. D. Clayton and wife, are the four oldest members of this church, they having been members for the past 25 years. Rev. W. D. Clayton is the only super-annuated preacher in this conference. At the time of its organization it had only ten members, which has increased, as the years have passed, until at present it has a membership of 80. The little church has become too small for the needs of the large membership and plans are now under way for the erection of a new church edifice on Railroad avenue. Rev. J. M. Solie, the present pastor, who resides at 224 South Walter street, has been in Birmingham, Ala., looking after the matter of raising funds for the

the past year, resides over the O. W. Strong's Sons Furniture store. The present membership of the church numbers 40, and the average Sunday congregations are about 75. The usual hours of service prevail on Sunday, with a German Sunday school Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock.

BAPTIST. While not the finest, from an architectural standpoint, the First Baptist church, located at the corner of Broadway and Lead avenue, is a very substantial brick edifice, with a membership of 136. It has an average Sunday congregation of about 200, made up, in greater part, of those residents of Albuquerque living in what is known as the Highlands. It was organized May 1st, 1887, under the pastorate of Rev. Homer Newberry, and at that time only had 7 members. December 28th, 1892, while Rev. J. R. Thompson was pastor, the membership having outgrown the old place of worship, it was decided to build a new church with the result shown in the present Baptist church. Succeeding Rev. Thompson came the Rev. Bruce Kinney, well known to a large number of the residents of Albuquerque. Rev. Kinney was pastor for over four years. The present pastor, Rev. J. W. T. McNeil, who resides at 410 South Arno street, is a Master of Arts from the Richmond (Va.) College and a graduate of the Chicago University. He has been pastor for the past one and one-half years. A flourishing Sunday school, a Baptist Young People's Union, the Women's Club and Brotherhood Club help this church to sustain its influence for good and righteous living.

The usual hours prevail for Sunday services: B. Y. P. U. meeting Sunday evenings at 6:45. Women's Club meets Thursday afternoon and the Brotherhood Club, Friday evenings. Prayer meetings, Wednesday evening, at 7:30. From May 1st to October 1st evening meetings one-half hour later than hours as given above.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. "The Christian church stands peculiarly for liberty of thought in Christ, to the end that Christian union of all denominations may be realized." The above, as dictated by the Rev. E. E. Crawford, present pastor of the Christian church in this city, clearly defines the position of this church. The Christian church was first founded in Albuquerque in March, 1904, with a membership of only 10. As yet, the membership, which now numbers about 60, have no church edifice of their own, but worship in the rooms of the Commercial Club, but arrangements are now in progress for the erection of a substantial structure, to be built of cement blocks, at the corner of Gold avenue and Broadway. Work on the new church will be started the first of this year. The present pastor, Rev. Crawford, is a

charge at that time. The present church building was erected in 1881, and enlarged to its present size in 1904. Among those who have had charge of the parish besides the Rev. Forrester, are Revs. Shephard, Giltens, Sharp, Glyn, Bennett (now of Prescott, Ariz.), and Robert Renssion, the last named being a resident of San Bernardino, Cal., at present. The Rev. Jay Cooke preceded the present incumbent, Rev. A. G. Harrison, who was called as pastor in January, 1905. In 1902 the mission was organized into a parish, J. J. Johnson and Felix H. Lester being elected wardens, and still continuing in the same capacity. Prominent in the early history of the church was the late Judge Hazell, whose death made a gap that has never been filled. The present membership numbers about 150, and the parish owns the property at the corner of Fourth and Silver, consisting of church, rectory and guild hall, and worth about \$15,000.

The regular Sunday services prevail at the usual hours. In addition to the Sunday services there is Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m., other Sundays Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m. Week day services: Holy Communion on Saturday and other holy days, at 9:30 a. m. Women's Guild meets every Friday afternoon at the residence of the different members.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. The First Presbyterian church of Albuquerque was organized November 27, 1881, with eight charter members, as follows: J. A. Morrison, J. A. Seib, Prof. J. S. Sheaver, Mrs. E. A. Knapp, Mrs. A. E. Ealy, Miss W. F. Knapp, Mrs. S. J. Menaul and Mrs. E. J. Morrison. Rev. James Menaul was the first minister. Since its foundation in 1881 the church has had but three different ministers, Rev. Menaul, Rev. T. C. Beatty and the present incumbent, Rev. Hugh A. Cooper. From a membership of eight, it has grown to its present membership of over 200; a Sunday school with 275 members and a Home department with 160 members. A new church building at the corner of Fifth street and Silver avenue, an illustration of which appears on this page, will soon be completed for the Presbyterians, who at present are worshipping in the Elks' opera house. The organization also has a substantial manse on the Highlands, at 115 South Walter street. Regular Sunday services at the usual hours. Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m., and Junior Christian Endeavor at 3 p. m. Sundays. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Ladies' Aid society, the second Thursday in each month. Woman's Missionary society, third Saturday in each month.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES. There are in Albuquerque, including the old San Felipe de Neri parish church, located in Old Town, three Catholic churches, in charge of the Fathers of the Society of Jesus. Of these, the oldest is the above mentioned church, which, according to the evidence of the parochial records, was standing in 1706.

While the edifice has been remodeled and added to since that date, there is sufficient evidence that at least a part of the present building still in use, and located at the north end of the plaza in Old Albuquerque, was in use in that year by the Franciscan Priests, who held therein a "custodia" and administered sacraments to the different members of the neighboring Indian tribes and to the comparatively small number of Spanish soldiers who had followed the Duke of Albuquerque, after whom this city was named, and who had settled in this immediate vicinity, and it is not a stretch of the imagination nor in the least improbable to say that it was erected at least 20 to 25 years prior to the date of 1706, even. Within its ancient walls many Fathers, priests and laymen have raised their voices in praises of the Lord, and have worked conversions to the Catholic faith innumerable, but the Rev. C. M. Capituli, S. J., the Superior of the Jesuit community, and the pastor in charge, has done as much, both for the welfare of the many who have come to him for spiritual aid, and for the Catholic faith itself. Assisting Father Capituli are four other fathers, who, besides assisting in the work of the local parish, attend to the fourteen other parishes in the surrounding Mexican towns and villages. San Felipe de Neri church has a very extensive order of service, with the different hours of worship as follows: Sunday and Holy Day obligations, first mass at 6 a. m.; second mass, 9:30. During the winter months these services occur thirty minutes later than the above hours. From December to March rosary and benediction at 6:30 a. m., and the remainder of the year after the Angelus. Sermons in Spanish at both masses and catechism before second mass. On week days early mass at 6 and 6:30 a. m. Baptisms and confessions on Sundays after 3 p. m. Annual devotions at this church are Veni Creator and solemn benediction on January 1st, at 6:30 p. m. Holy week, high mass Thursdays at 9 a. m., with general communion. Sermon on the Passion of Our Lord at 7:30 p. m. Good Friday ceremonies at 8 a. m. and 1 p. m. Sermon on the three days' agony of Jesus Christ, with singing of Stabat Mater and sermon on Virgin Mary at 7:30 p. m. Saturday the service begins at 7:30 a. m. May devotions are kept with rosary, sermon and benediction at 7:30 p. m. June—Novena to the Sacred Heart, with benediction at 7:30 p. m. July—Novena to St. Ignatius of Loyola, 7:30 p. m. August—Forty hours adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the 21st, 22d and 23d. October—Rosary and benediction every evening at 8:30 o'clock. From November 25th to December 7th, Novena of the Immaculate Conception. December 16th to 24th, sermons in preparation for Christmas, and Novena of holy masses. December 31st, Te Deum and benediction at 6:30 p. m. The solemnities of the church are the League of the Sacred Heart, Catholic Union of the Holy Family, Christian Mothers, and Children of Mary, for young ladies. This membership of the different solemnities of the church number about 600.

The church of the Immaculate Conception, located on North Sixth street and Copper avenue, was built in the year 1882 for the benefit of the English speaking people of Albuquerque. The Rev. Father A. M. Mandalaria is the pastor in charge and resides at 615 Copper avenue.

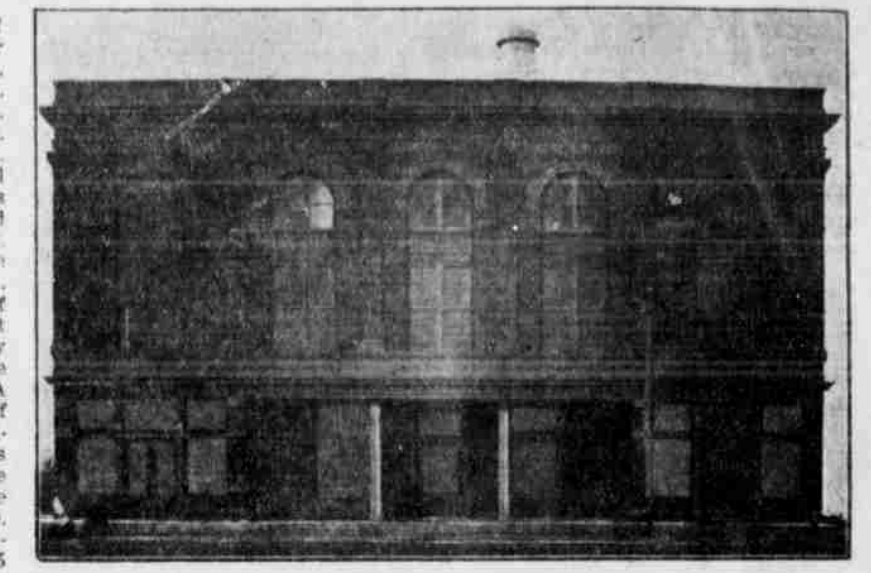
Sacred Heart. The church of the Sacred Heart, corner of Fourth street and Silver avenue, was erected in 1900, for the early use, with a very small congregation. For some time prior to 1889 services were held in an old adobe building in Old Town. Rev. Henry Forrester being the missionary in charge.

ALBUQUERQUE LODGE NO. 461 "BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH."

An Interesting Review of This Popular Order, With Cut of Opera House, Since Its Organization.

The lodge of Elks was organized in Albuquerque in January, 1899. It has been, from the first, an enthusiastic body of men, who have worked together for their own good and the good of the community. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a comparatively new organization, having been instituted in 1868, by Vivian, an English actor of renown, who gathered to himself some kindred spirits, in the city of New York. As originally planned, its membership was confined to members of the theatrical profession, literary men and artists—men who are often dubbed Bohemians. The peculiar ten-

Myers, J. F. Pearce and D. Weidman. The Elks have contributed to the pleasure of all the citizens of Albuquerque, by erecting one of the neatest and handsomest opera houses in the southwest, which has drawn better theatrical talent than ever before visiting our city. They have in their building two of the most convenient lodge rooms in the territory, and club rooms for their members, consisting of reading, pool and card rooms. The whole investment represents a value of \$75,000, and the successful financing and management of such an enterprise reflects great credit upon the enterprise and liberality of the members of the lodge. It illustrates what can be done when men of in-



ELKS' OPERA HOUSE.

ants of the new order, its basic principles, its largeness of aims, the fullness of its charity, and its sturdy fellowship, soon appealed to men of thought and earnest endeavor, in all walks of life. It seemed designed to accomplish great things and to gather to itself the best men of the country. In less than one-third of a century, over one thousand lodges have sprung up, and the membership has increased to a quarter of a million.

The citizens of Albuquerque have shown that they appreciate a good thing, because in seven years the Elks of Albuquerque have increased to about 325. Not all the good men in Albuquerque are Elks, but they claim to have the best men in their lodge, with the others rapidly following.

The men who have been at the head of this lodge, are B. Ruppe, T. N. Wilkerson, Frank McKee, C. F. Pearce.

telligence work together, unselfishly, for the common good. The lodge is in better condition, today, than ever before in its history. It is growing in numbers constantly, and its influence for good is being felt throughout the community. Elks are intensely loyal, and their growth and prosperity in our midst will be but an index of Albuquerque's advancement along all lines of municipal greatness.

The present officers are: Exalted Ruler, R. W. D. Bryan; Esteemed Leading Knight, F. H. Lester; Esteemed Loyal Knight, M. E. Hickey; Esteemed Lecturing Knight, O. N. Marron; Secretary, Roy McDonald; Treasurer, C. A. Hawks; Esquire, L. C. Bennett; Inner Guard, M. Nash; Tiler, W. B. Moore; Chaplain, H. E. Fox; Organist, Thos. Seward; Trustees, Chas. Mausard, J. H. Wroth, J. N. Wilkerson, Frank McKee, C. F. Pearce.

ALBUQUERQUE HAS A FINE AND MOST EFFICIENT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Although the Fighters Are Few in Number They Do Good Work--Some Facts of General Interest.

The Albuquerque fire department deserves special mention, as much for its splendid equipment for a city of 14,000, as for its efficiency. In the days of long ago when the sonorous notes of the fire alarm rang out, the members of the fire department used to rush from their stores, homes, or wherever they happened to be, and grabbing hold of the rope attached to the fire cart, made all possible speed to the scene of the fire, the time of their arriving at the conflagration depending entirely upon their ability as sprinters.

But that was in the days of long ago. Today a splendid team of well-trained horses dash rapidly to the fire, the swinging harness and other modern apparatus making it easy for a

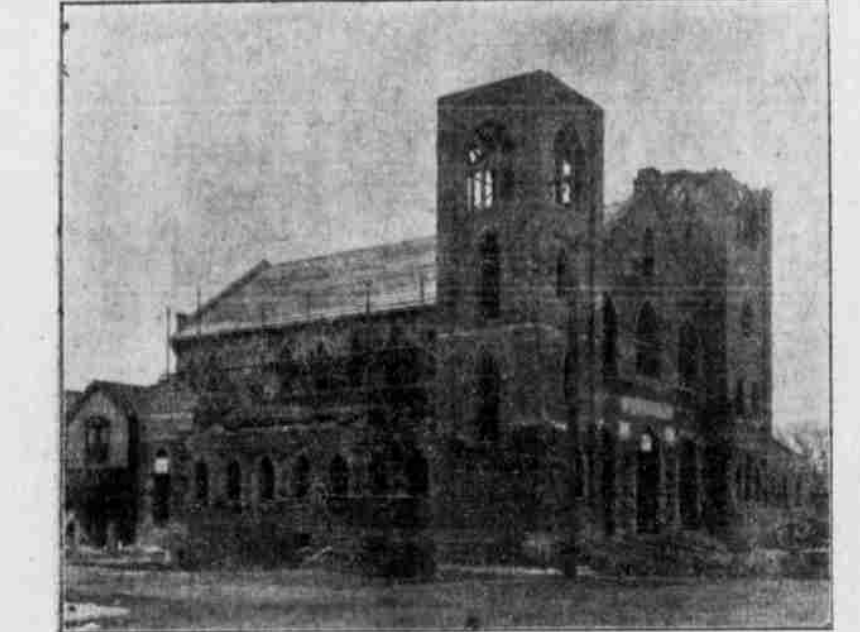
Ward No. 3—Box 31, corner of Lead avenue and Fourth street. Box 32, at Elks' opera house. Box 33, corner of Arno street and Third street. Ward No. 4—Box 34, corner of Tijeras avenue and Eighth street. Santa Fe Railroad Alarm Notes—Box 51, office of Alvarado hotel. Box 52, front of Santa Fe general offices. Box 53, front of Alvarado lunch counter. Box 54, corner of Santa Fe machine shops. Box 55, corner of Wells Fargo Express office. Box 56, Santa Fe fire department headquarters. Box 57, corner of Santa Fe freight depot. The fire limits, beginning at Roma avenue and First street, run east to center of First street; thence south to Coal avenue; west to Third street, north to Silver avenue; west to Fifth street; north to Tijeras avenue; east to Fourth street; north to Marquette



ALBUQUERQUE FIRE DEPARTMENT. Chief Burtless and laddies, ready to make one of their famous runs.

quick hitch. A hose wagon, hook and ladder truck and hose reel with 1,000 feet of hose, together with a water pressure of eighty-five pounds; the Gamewell fire alarm system; sleeping quarters in fire headquarters for the firemen; two telephone connections to all headquarters—all go to make up the most efficient fire department in the territory. Ten fire stations, conveniently located in the four wards, as follows, also add to the dispatch with which the department responds to fire alarms: Central Business District—Box 4, corner of Second street and Railroad avenue. Ward No. 1—Box 12, corner of Arno street and Gold avenue. Box 14, corner of Roma avenue and Second street. Box 15, corner of Arno street and Tijeras avenue. Ward No. 2—Box 21, Iron avenue, alley between Broadway and Arno street. Box 23, corner of Broadway and Wheelock avenue.

During the past year the department made 76 runs, 15 of which were false alarms. The total loss by fire in this city the past year was \$9,369, \$1,450 of which was covered by insurance, leaving a net loss by fire of \$7,919. Number of miles traversed in runs, 77.5. Number of feet of hose laid, 5,400. Twenty-three chemical tanks were used during the year 1905.



NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, UNFINISHED.

episcopal church being the San Felipe de Neri parish church, of Catholic denomination, and to this church from miles around came the Mexicans, the Indians, and others as well, to worship before the shrine of the Virgin Mary. The old church, which was established and erected in the year 1707, still stands today, and is located at the northern end of the plaza, in what is still known as Old Albuquerque.

In the year 1855, when the present Albuquerque was incorporated as a town, new places of worship were erected, and since that date, so fast has the city grown, many more churches have been added to the list. In 1891, Albuquerque having grown to the required size, it was incorporated as a city. More churches were needed. Those that had been built were not large enough to accommodate the ever growing population of the metropolis of New Mexico. Each year has seen new church buildings being erected, old ones being torn down, and congregations, who had been worshipping the Almighty Savior in private residences, store rooms or halls, grew with such rapidity that it became necessary for them to have a house of worship to accommodate their increased membership.

One by one they were built, until at present, with the German Lutheran church, at the corner of Fifth street and Silver avenue, just completed, and the First Presbyterian church in the course of construction, there are seventeen separate and distinct churches, representing the Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Christian, Catholic, Jewish, Congregational and Lutheran faiths.

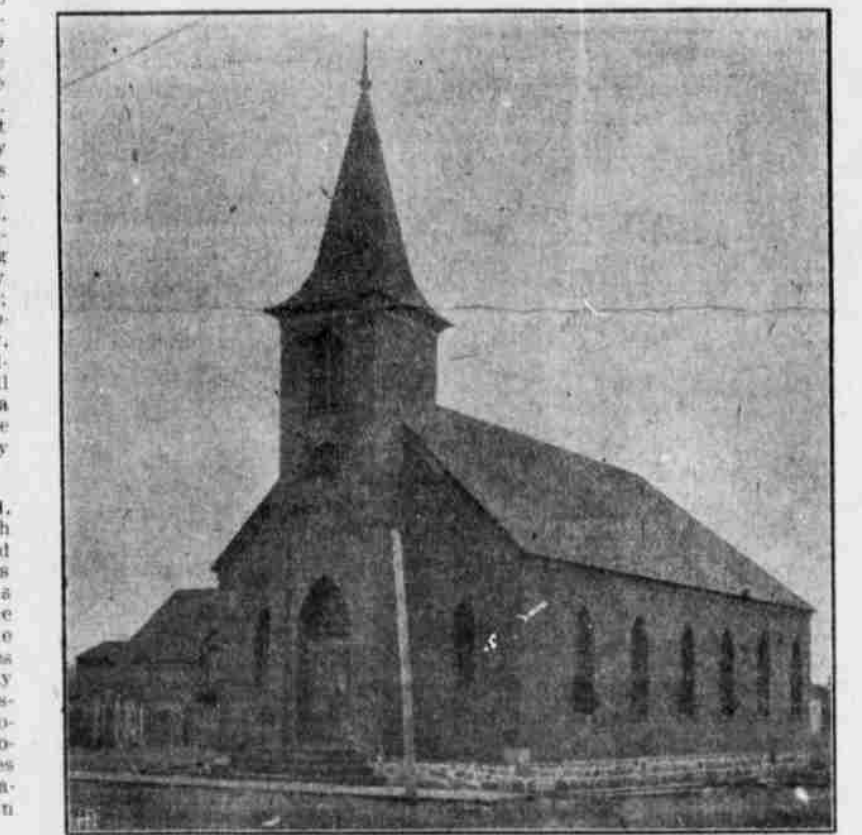
There are four churches of the Methodist faith, of which, the Methodist Episcopal Spanish church, located in Old Albuquerque, on West Railroad avenue, is devoted to the Mexican population, the sermons being delivered in Spanish, and one of which is devoted to the colored population.

There are three churches of the

Harwood, well known throughout the city, preached often from 1873 to 1875. In the last named year the first structure used as a house of worship by the Methodists was dedicated by Bishop Fowler. As the city grew, so also did the membership of the Methodist church, until the old structure became too small to accommodate the congregations, with the result that the present handsome edifice was erected. The membership of the church at present is about 250, and the Sunday congregation averages 300. Besides the regular Sunday hours of worship, there is a growing Sunday school, which convenes at 10:00 a. m., a senior and junior league, one meeting Sunday afternoon, and one Sunday evening; a Brotherhood of St. Paul; a Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and a Ladies' Aid Society, which meets afternoons at the residences of the different members. All seats are free in this church, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public in general to be present at any or all of these different services.

MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH. The Mount Olive Baptist church (colored) is located at 512 West Lead avenue, an dthe Rev. C. R. Brooks ministers to the spiritual wants of his flock, which numbers about 75. The Sunday congregations average in the neighborhood of 100. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., with Sunday school at 10:00 a. m. It has been established for about 5 years, and together with its Baptist Young People's Union and Aid Society, does much good among the colored population of the city. The pastor resides in the church.

CONGREGATION ALBERT. The only church in the city devoted to the Jewish element is the Congregation Albert, the Jewish synagogue, erected in the Jewish year 5,600, or 1899. It is a substantial brick edifice, adorned with an immense round dome on the top of the building, which gives it a very striking appearance. It has



NEW GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

erection of the new building. Besides the regular Sunday sermons, there are mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday evenings, at 7:30. Junior League meets Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and Senior League meetings at 6:30 p. m. A Ladies' Aid Society, which meets Tuesday afternoons, and a Women's Foreign Missionary Society are also connected with this church.

SALVATION ARMY. Among the religious denominations and workers for the good of humanity in Albuquerque, the Salvation Army cannot be overlooked. They occupy a distinct place; a field that is all their own. Into the saloons, around the street corners, into the "red light district," anywhere and everywhere they think they can accomplish some good, go the laddies of the Salvation Army. Those who have not the fine clothes in which to attend the different churches, those who would not go to church if they had; those of the demi-monde; those who make the saloons and saloons their abiding places, are the ones appealed to by the Salvation Army. Many a tramp, on robbery bent, many a woman on the downward path, many a one coming out of the saloons, have stopped to listen as they preached the gospel, from the curb, stone—have listened and turned away with better feeling, a higher aim in life, with nobler impulses coursing through them. And thus the Salvation Army accomplishes good that is not always shown in making a convert. Each evening they preach upon the streets, from 6:30 to 7:30, with services at their barracks, at the corner of Third street and Copper avenue, at 8 o'clock, and morning service, on Sundays, at 11 o'clock.

LUTHERAN CHURCH. The Evangelical Lutheran St. Paul's church was organized April 16th, 1891, with the following as members of the first church council: H. Harms and P. Elbel, elders, and J. Korber and H. Blumberg, deacons. The first pastor of this church was the Rev. W. Rosenstengel, now president of the Lutheran Warburg Synod. The first Lutheran church ever built in Albuquerque was erected in 1892. This, after a time, becoming too small for the adequate accommodation of the congregations, was abandoned, and a new church was erected last year, at 310 North Third street. The present officers of the church are W. Albers, A. Kraemer, William Dolde and F. Zickler. The present pastor, G. Weimann, who has been in charge of the church

Bachelor of Arts from the Bethany (W. Va.) College, and has been in charge of the Christian church flock for over a year. He resides at 201 N. Edith street. In addition to the regular Sunday services, which are held at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., there is Sabbath school at 10 a. m., and Christian Endeavor meetings at 4 p. m. The Woman's Home Missionary Society meets the first Tuesday in each month at 3 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH. The Congregational church, situated on Broadway and Coal avenue, at the end of the viaduct, was organized in 1880. It has a present membership of 194. From the first this church has been fortunate in the strength and quality of its pastors. No pastor has remained less than five years, and the most perfect harmony has always existed, not only among the people, but between pastor and people. Rev. W. J. Marsh, recently retired, was an eloquent speaker, and loved by all the people of the church and city. Rev. J. W. Barron, the present pastor, up to September 1st of this year, was pastor of a large, and most attractive church in the state of Illinois. In a recent letter to the church from the trustees, the following statement is made: "The committee sent out and received about three hundred letters and other mail parcels. From a list of thirty names, the choice was made by Rev. J. W. Barron, who was unanimously elected."

Extensive repairs are now being made, to cost about \$1,000, which, when completed, will make this one of the best and most attractive church buildings in the city. The stained glass windows in this church are exceptionally fine.



NEW FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Catholic faith, two of the Baptist and two of the Presbyterian faith, and in addition, the Salvation Army has a permanent barracks, located at 221 Copper avenue.

Everywhere one looks in the pretty little city of Albuquerque the church spires rear their sharp points toward heaven, and on a sunny Sabbath day, of which Albuquerque has 52 in each and every year, over 5,000 residents of this prosperous little metropolis of